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**Mail Stop Patent Application**  
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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: DESIGN DATA GENERATING APPARATUS AND  
DESIGN DATA GENERATING METHOD  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 90 pages, including five (5) independent claims and fifty-one (51) claims total.
2. Drawings- forty-five (45) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-47).
3. Claim for Priority with a certified copies of Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2003-184124 and 2003-110675.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with two (2) documents attached.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ 770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	51	-	20	31	x \$18	558.00
Independent Claims	5	-	3	2	x \$86	172.00
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6. A check for \$1,500.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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\$730.00 additional claims fee.

Applicant claims the right to foreign priority based on Patent Application No. 2003-184124, filed June 27, 2003, in Japan; and Patent Application No. 2003-110675, filed April 15, 2003, in Japan.

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This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon receiving a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

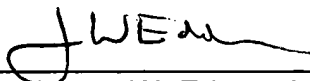
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